SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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REMARKS

This responds to the Advisory Action mailed on June 6, 2005.

Claim 77 is amended, claim 78 is canceled without prejudice or waiver of patentable subject matter contained therein, and no claims are added. Thus, claims 1-10, 14-21, 24-77 and 79-92 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10, 14-21, 24-76 and 82-92 have been allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of patentable subject matter, and requests that claims 1-10, 14-21, 24-76 and 82-92 be passed to issue.

Claim 78 was indicated in the final Office Action dated March 23, 2005 and in the Advisory Action dated June 6, 2005, to be objected to but allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended base claim 77 herein to include the language of objected to claim 78, and cancelled claim 78 herein. Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 77, and dependent claims 79-81, are now in condition for allowance, and requests that action.

Applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications to pursue claims of other scope.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney David Suhl at 508-865-8211, or the below-signed attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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